

Board Matters

March 18, 2021

Successful Housing Symposium

Chair McKenna recognized the work and results of the March 10, 2021 Housing Symposium that was co-hosted by the FCRHA and the George Mason School of Business. Chair McKenna thanked Commissioner Maribojoc for his work and expertise and thanked Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff, particularly Vincent Rogers, Linda Hoffman, and Ben Boxer, for taking an event that started a few years ago with approximately 50 persons to an event with about 300 attendees virtually. Commissioner Maribojoc echoed Chair McKenna's remarks and thanked Fairfax County on behalf of George Mason University, stating that he looked forward to having next year's Symposium in person and hosted by George Mason University again. Commissioner Kennedy complimented Chair McKenna on her role in the Symposium, and Commissioner Bell thanked George Mason University and Commissioner Maribojoc for their roles.

Feedback by Commissioners on Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force Recommendations Welcomed

Chair McKenna stated that the work of the Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force had wrapped up and that she, along with Task Force Co-Chair Walter Clarke, were visiting with members of the Board of Supervisors, briefing them on the recommendations. The recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors' (Board's) Housing Committee at their April 6, 2021 meeting. Chair McKenna welcomed feedback from the Commissioners on the recommendations.

FCRHA Transitioning to Two-Committee Approach

Chair McKenna announced that the FCRHA was moving to having two active committees versus the current three. The Finance Committee and the Planning and Development Committee would merge to form a new committee. Chair McKenna stated that the merger is a reflection of how the HCD organization operates, and stated that follow-ups with Commissioners will be conducted regarding committee assignments. The Housing Ownership, Management, and Security (HOMS) Committee would remain as the second active committee. Commissioner Feng stated that a discussion on what the committees would do would be beneficial, and Commissioner Bell recommended that a document be prepared documenting this transition. Commissioner Bell also inquired whether the times of meetings could also be evaluated. Chair McKenna stated that she would consult with staff regarding a document that would explain more about the committees.

Retreat Planning

Chair McKenna spoke of a planned retreat for FCRHA Commissioners and stated that if Commissioners had topics that they would like to understand better or would like addressed at the retreat they should send their list to Vice Chair Kelly.

Redevelopment and Housing Assistance Corporation Meeting

Commissioner Kennedy reminded Commissioner Alexander and Commissioner McCoy that an FCRHA Redevelopment and Housing Assistance Corporation (RHAC) Meeting was to immediately follow the adjournment of the FCRHA Meeting.

HCD's Judith Cabelli Honored as One of Northern Virginia's 40 Leaders Under 40

Chair McKenna recognized Judith Cabelli as one of the Leadership for Excellence and Leadership Fairfax's 40 leaders under age 40. The award recognizes Virginia's top professionals under the age of forty who have demonstrated dedication to their community and distinction in their professional accomplishments. Mr. Fleetwood also indicated that he was very pleased that Ms. Cabelli was recognized with this award.

Site of Current Lee District Supervisor to be Used for Affordable Housing

Mr. Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that the Board acted to transfer ownership of the site of the current Lee District Supervisor's office to the FCRHA to be used for affordable housing.

Mark Buenavista Introduced as New HCD Director of Design, Development and Construction

Mr. Fleetwood introduced Mark Buenavista as the new HCD Director of Design, Development and Construction.

Board Housing Committee to Meet April 6

Mr. Fleetwood stated that the Board's Housing Committee would be meeting on April 6, 2021 and that there would be presentations on the Affordable Housing Task Force recommendations and on the rechartering of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Special Meeting of the FCRHA to be Held April 7

Mr. Fleetwood announced that on April 7, 2021 there would be a Special Meeting of the FCRHA to address two time sensitive matters.